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Attention: Rick Breitenbach

RE: Comments on Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Dear Mr. Snow:

These comments are submitted on behalf of the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District on the implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

The CALFED Draft PEIS/EIR is a useful programmatic evaluation of the impacts of alternatives and programs to restore the Bay-Delta system. The draft provides the basis for moving toward identifying the Preferred Alternative.

In the interest of brevity we incorporate by reference the comments of the Friant Water Users Authority, dated June 30, 1998, of which we are one of its members, submitted as the letter from its General Manager, Richard M. Moss.

This district consists of 38,000 acres of which 33,000 acres are highly productive agricultural lands growing a great variety of crops, which are exported throughout the world. The gross farm production from our district is approximately **\$149 million per year**, which when multiplied several fold for the "**multiplier effect**", provides significant contribution to the economy of this region and the State as a whole, along with thousands of jobs to residents of the State. Any attempt to reduce the water supply available to this district would have significant and profound effects on this area.

Implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program could have significant impacts on the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project. Consequently, the district has a keen interest in the adequacy of the Draft PEIS/EIR.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,



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